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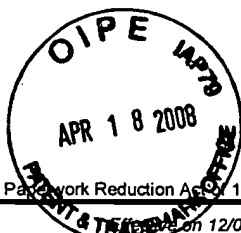
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		Application Number	09/542,897	
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		First Named Inventor	Jerry H. Chisnell	
		Examiner Name	Vishal A. Patel	
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Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	
Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	210	105
Multiple dependent claims	370	185

Total Claims - 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

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**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/542,897
Applicant: Jerry H. Chisnell
Filing Date: April 4, 2000
Title: Composite Sleeve for Sealing a Tubular Coupling

Art Unit: 3676
Examiner: Vishal A. Patel

Attorney Docket: FTP141A US

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